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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) Safety pedal for bicycles, comprising:

a toe element for receiving a front end of a cleat fastened to a sole of a shoe and a rear fastening device for engaging a rear end of the cleat when the rear end of the cleat is pressed over said rear fastening device and for releasing the cleat when the rear end of the cleat is rotated in a general plane of the pedal so the rear end of the cleat is moved laterally, said pedal comprising inward and outward edges and a cleat contact surface including unidirectional means for opposing rotation of the cleat, and for lifting a side of the cleat adjacent to the outward side of the pedal when the rear end of the cleat is moved laterally toward the outward side of the pedal;

wherein a stop is defined by a projection integral with a metal plate fastened to the pedal defining the cleat contact surface, and wherein the stop comprises a stopping surface that is perpendicular to the cleat contact surface and to the axis of the pedal.

2. (previously presented) Safety pedal according to claim 1, wherein an internal side of said cleat contact surface does not present any means for opposing the rotation of the cleat, so that a lateral inwards movement of the rear end of the cleat, from the engaged position, does not lift the internal side of the cleat.

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3-25. (cancelled)

26. (previously presented) A contact plate for a bicycle safety pedal that engages with a cleat fastened to a rider's shoe, the safety pedal having a front portion, a rear portion, an inward portion and an outward portion which define an outline of the pedal and an upper plane; the cleat having a front portion, a rear portion, an inward portion and an outward portion which define an outline of the cleat and a lower plane; the cleat's outlines fits within the pedal's outline and its lower plane opposes the pedal's upper plane; and the pedal's upper plane includes a upwardly extending locking member which releasable engages the rear portion of the cleat to retain the cleat in the pedal, and an area adjacent to the locking member for fixing a contact plate comprising:

a U-shaped base plate having inward and outward portions and means for fixing the contact plate to the pedal's upper plane, the plate's outward portion includes a single ramp positioned to contact a rear outward portion of the cleat only when the cleat is rotated outwardly and to release the cleat from the locking member.

27-28. (cancelled)